

PROCEEDINGS OF THE ST. CLOUD HERITAGE PRESERVATION COMMISSION

A meeting of the St. Cloud Heritage Preservation Commission was held on July 27, 2010, at 3:30 p.m. in the St. Cloud City Hall Council Chambers. Members present were Bartlow, Fischer, Lenaghan, Morgan and Chirhart. Berg was absent.

Approval of Minutes: Fisher moved to approve the minutes of May 25, 2010, and Lenaghan seconded the motion. Bartlow noted that she was Chair at that time, and it should be reflected as such in the minutes. The minutes with the amendment as noted by Bartlow were approved unanimously.

HAP-2010-16/302 3rd Ave. So.: Tammy Campion, Senior Planner, stated the request is to install an egress window in the basement to the left of the front door on the house located at 302 3rd Ave. So. The applicant indicated he would be at today's meeting, but he is not present. Campion stated that after speaking with the Health Department, they indicated that installation of an egress window will not affect the current rental license. She went on to explain that the Alteration Permit Subcommittee was in favor of this request with the conditions that the window trim be white and trimmed out with trim similar in width and profile to the trim of the existing basement windows as well as installation of landscaping limiting the view of the window from 3rd Avenue South. Chirhart moved approval of the request subject to the following conditions: 1) The egress window is white in color; 2) The egress window is trimmed out with white colored trim that is similar looking in width and profile to the trim on the existing basement windows in the house; and, 3) The window well is landscaped to limit its visibility from 3rd Ave. So. Morgan seconded the motion. Fischer noted that there was a question at the Subcommittee meeting about whether the sidewalk by the house needed to be moved. Applicant was going to measure to determine if there was 3' between the egress window and the sidewalk. Bartlow wondered if there was adequate space for landscape screening between the window and the sidewalk. Campion answered that she has not been in contact with the applicant since the Subcommittee meeting. She stated that there are a number of options with the landscaping condition. The landscaping could be placed in front of the sidewalk or in between the window well and the

sidewalk if he chooses to move the sidewalk, or the condition could be eliminated. Bartlow suggested keeping the condition as is. The motion including the conditions as stated carried unanimously.

Other Business:

Administrative HAP Approvals: Campion stated that the past two months have been fairly busy. There was one sign approval in the Commercial Historic District located downtown. Campion stated that the rear porch on the Benson house at 402 6th Ave. So. is going to be removed and replaced with an open air porch with a pergola. The owner is experiencing significant deterioration of the porch due to carpenter ants. The porch is not a historic feature of the house. Campion stated that the remaining HAP approvals were for general maintenance such as windows and a garage reroof in the Southside Neighborhood Historic District.

502 5th Avenue South: Fischer asked about the status of 502 5th Ave. So. that has been reroofed. Campion said she has not yet talked to Matt Glaesman, Community Development Director, about that property. She explained that this property is outside the Southside Neighborhood Historic District and was slated for demolition. However, it became evident that the house was reshingled with new cedar shakes. The property is outside the Historic District; therefore, she would not have received an alteration permit application. Campion indicated that she will investigate and send an email to the HPC members with additional details.

Court Apartments: Morgan noted the excellent work being done on the garages at the Gaetz' Court Apartments on 4th Ave. So. He would like to see such work honored by the HPC for its modern construction in historic character. Campion explained that this is the charge of the Annual Preservation Awards, and that that property would be an ideal nomination for the New Construction category. Campion stated that she can encourage a fellow property owner in the Southside to nominate the Gaetz' Court Apartments property for the 2011 Preservation Awards.

Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made by Morgan, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.

Tom Fischer, Secretary